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Applicant: Köster et al.

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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR  
IMMOBILIZING NUCLEIC ACIDS  
TO SOLID SUPPORTS

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## AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed, November 16, 1998, please  
amend the above-captioned application as follows:

## IN THE APPLICATION:

Please delete Dirk Reuter and G. Scott Higgins as inventors.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 14, line 28, delete "14" and insert therefor —15—.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 6 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add claims 15-24 as follows:

~~14~~-15. A kit, comprising:

- i) beads,
- ii) an insoluble support, and
- iii) conjugation means for linking nucleic acids to the beads and the beads  
to the support.—

~~13~~-16. The kit of claim ~~15~~ <sup>14</sup>, wherein the solid support is selected from the  
group consisting of: beads, capillaries, plates, membranes, wafers, combs, pins,  
wafers with arrays of pits, and supports with nanoliter wells.—